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VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK TOLD ME MAY 31 HE HOPED WE WERE PLEASED WITH SADAT'S STATEMENTS ON THE PEACE PROCESS DURING PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 30. HE NOTED THAT SADAT HAD TWICE SAID ALMOST WORD FOR WORD WHAT WE HAD ASKED FOR. I SAID I HAD NO REACTION AS YET FROM WASHINGTON, BUT SADAT'S STATEMENT WAS INDEED RIGHT ALONG THE LINES WE HAD THOUGHT WOULD BE USEFUL. I WENT ON TO NOTE INITIAL ISRAELI REACTION TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE HAD CENTERED NOT UPON THIS STATEMENT BUT RATHER ON SADAT'S REMARKS ABOUT THE EXPIRATION OF THE SINAI II DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN OCTOBER. WHEN I COMMENTED THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE UNEF MANDATE EXPIRED IN OCTOBER BUT NOT THE SINAI II AGREEMENT, MUBARAK SAID ONLY THAT IT WAS NOT THE MANDATE BUT THE SINAI AGREEMENT THAT WAS IMPORTANT. I WAS UNABLE TO DRAW HIM OUT FURTHER ON WHAT THE PRESIDENT MEANT BY HIS STATEMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OCTOBER OR ON THE "SURPRISE" HE WOULD ANNOUNCE JULY 23. I TOLD MUBARAK I WOULD PASS ON ANY COMMENTS I RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S

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